

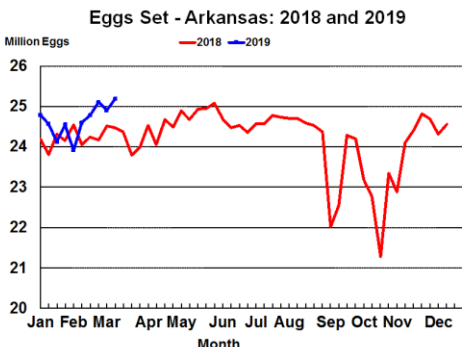
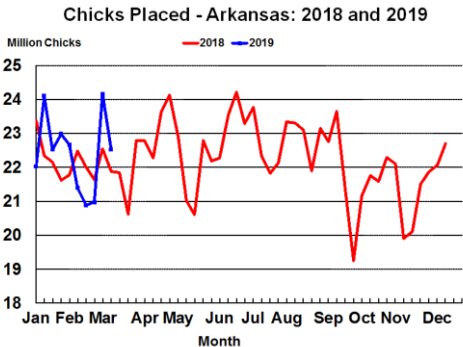


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Chick Placements Up 3 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.5 million during the week ending March 9, 2019. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2018 but down 7 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 25.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 9, 2019, up 3 percent from the same period last year and up 1 percent from the previous week.



Broiler-Type Eggs Set and Chicks Placed - Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	2-Mar	9-Mar	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	2-Mar	9-Mar
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	31,704	31,611	31,515	31,832	31,635	22,739	23,481	22,978	22,190	22,595
Arkansas	24,599	24,776	25,105	24,898	25,181	21,397	20,899	20,982	24,162	22,522
Delaware	5,467	5,225	5,342	5,127	5,326	4,669	5,096	5,382	4,470	4,797
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,194	1,335	1,303	1,221	1,342	1,335
Georgia	33,914	34,607	34,406	34,627	34,760	27,609	26,798	27,515	27,917	28,857
Kentucky	7,710	7,675	7,803	7,760	7,621	5,982	6,060	6,209	5,788	6,836
Louisiana	3,743	3,803	3,803	3,803	3,803	3,149	3,167	3,222	3,234	3,274
Maryland	8,172	7,896	8,253	8,173	8,005	6,609	6,137	5,963	6,601	6,017
Mississippi	18,231	18,498	18,655	16,721	17,724	15,490	15,380	15,521	15,577	15,815
Missouri	8,150	8,381	8,478	8,421	8,717	5,978	6,155	6,069	4,789	6,139
N. Carolina	22,454	23,780	23,252	24,136	24,182	18,339	17,729	18,746	17,583	18,709
Oklahoma	7,702	7,549	7,683	7,505	7,585	4,660	5,002	4,653	3,260	3,727
Pennsylvania	5,075	5,174	5,220	5,167	5,206	3,964	3,951	3,909	3,810	3,835
S. Carolina	5,704	5,690	5,906	5,832	5,936	5,117	5,433	5,189	5,265	4,206
Texas	16,802	16,992	17,256	17,249	17,359	13,568	13,118	13,653	13,649	13,874
Virginia	6,351	6,312	6,489	6,621	6,469	5,084	6,096	5,686	6,019	5,701
CA,TN & WV	11,500	11,462	12,692	12,646	12,593	9,833	10,462	10,022	10,222	9,936
Other States	9,841	9,827	9,665	9,747	9,856	7,776	7,759	7,321	7,379	7,755
U.S. Total	228,344	230,483	232,748	231,490	233,152	183,281	183,588	184,299	183,633	185,877
% of Prev. Year	101	101	102	101	102	103	102	102	101	101

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 9, 2019, up 2 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.2 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 186 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 9, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through March 9, 2019 for the United States were 1.84 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.